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In re Application of  
Gustavo R. Paz-Pujalt, et. al.  
Application No. 09/131,710  
Filed: August 10, 1998  
Attorney Docket No. 78137RLO

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 7, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed September 12, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). No amendment *prima facie* placing the application in condition for allowance or Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee) was timely filed, but a (1) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned after midnight January 12, 2001.

**The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.**

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700.

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